REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on March 8, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Steve Rigdon; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, Pat Williams, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall was excused representing the city at NLC.

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley, City Manager; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; Chief of Police James L. Godfrey; and Reba Cash, City Clerk.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Mayor Rigdon called the regular council meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Livingston gave the invocation.

Councilman Varndaore made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property owned by Heath Sellers of Sellers Electrical Contracting, Inc. located at 1383 Golden Isles West be annexed and establishing a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district #1. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property filed by Joseph W. Faircloth, located at 803 West Parker Street be rezoned from the present Residential (RM-10) to a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district #6. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the resolution on the Fair Street, HG-0037, P.I. 0011609 and that Jeffrey P. Baxley as City Manager and Reba Cash as City Clerk, that they are thereby authorized to directed to execute the same for and in behalf of said Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to hold a public hearing for the remaining parcels owned by Joseph W. Faircloth, located at 803 West Parker Street be rezoned from the present Residential (RM-10) to a Business (B-2) Zone on April 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

The following sealed bids were publicly opened in the City Clerk's office on March 4, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. on the cleaning of the Public Works building located at 148 Copeland Street: The bids are as follows:

Donna's Cleaning Service	$ 5,200.00
Smith's Cleaning Service	$ 5,850.00
Deb's Cleaning	$ 7,800.00
WW Pressure Washing	$ 8,700.00
Country Cleaning Service	$18,720.00

City Manager made the recommendation to accept the low bid from Donna's Cleaning Service in the amount of $5,200.00. This is contingent upon proof of insurance. Councilman Bass made a motion to accept the low bid. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Read the thank you card from R.L. Stone's family.
2. Reported the street signs on City Circle Road needs to be replaced.

Council Members Report

1. Councilmember Skipper asked if semi trucks have authority to go down East Allen Street between North Main and North Blvd. This matter was referred to the Police Chief.
2. Councilwoman Livingston made a comment about the RR Crossing on Main Street and the detour to City Circle road. City Manager explain Code Red was notified to make the announcement about the road closure due to work being done at US #1 RR Crossing.

City Manager's Reports:

1. Reminded the Mayor and Council of two Public Hearing tonight at 6:00 p.m.
2. Reminded the Mayor and Council that the City will conduct a sealed bid auction on Wednesday, March 09, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The equipment will be located at the Public Works Department at 148 Copeland Street.
3. Reminded the Mayor and Council about their form for GMA annual registration.
4. City Manager informed the Mayor and Council that April 1st is the deadline for renewing Business License
5. City Manager informed the Mayor and Council that June 1st is our Insurance renewal date and that we initially have an increase of 20%. City Manager will look into other options that offer group health insurance with the same benefits and more affordable.
6. City Manager presented an invitation for ACHS Community Day that will be held on March 17th
7. Reported on the condition of the Waterworks Park Building and said the carpet has been removed. Stated that we are still discussing options for its replacement.

8. Reported on the Solar project at WWTP and that he had contacted GEFA requesting to separate the clearing out of the contract from the overall bid for the solar panels. Said it would eliminate need for performance and payment bonds and hopefully save us money. GEFA approves the request.
9. Reported that the Farmer's Market progress is moving slow but the plans have been approved. Waiting now to have the contract approved according to USDA guidelines.
10. Reported on the Brobston Street sidewalk project and stated that we were getting the deeds ready for the property owners to sign.

There being no further business Mayor Rigdon declared the meeting adjourned.

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City Clerk